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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1451

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 7, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Environmental License Plate Fee Proceeds.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Duncan

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the annual fee paid for an Environmental license plate (fees) shall be distributed to the State Parks and Reservoirs Special Revenue Fund (Fund) from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007. (Current law requires that the fees are distributed to the Heritage Trust Fund.) It requires the Director of the Department of Natural Resources to expend the money in the fund from the fees for improving and upgrading state park projects. The bill repeals and relocates the definition of "park project" for purposes of natural and cultural resources law.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: While Environmental license plate sales have averaged 70,391 plates per year for the five-year period, 1999 through 2003, annual sales declined for four of the five years, picking up in 2003.

The table below show the plate sales for the five-year period. Revenue from the plate sales for the same period has averaged approximately \$1.8 M. This revenue will be distributed to the State Parks and Reservoirs Special Revenue Fund for FY 2006 and FY 2007, rather than to the Heritage Trust Fund.

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Plate Sales	76,204	75,489	72,337	59,427	68,488
Revenue (\$25 fee)	\$1,905,100	\$1,887,450	\$1,808,425	\$1,485,675	\$1,712,200

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources; State Auditor.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Bureau of Motor Vehicles license plate sales, 1999-2003.

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